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Tom Heyes shows his joke book to nurses at Southport Hospital

Tom raises a laugh – and £840 for charity – in memory of his grandads!

RAISING money for charity IS a laughing matter as far as young Tom Heyes is concerned!

And to prove it the 11–year–old from Aughton raised £840 for two good causes by compiling a joke book in memory of his two grandads.

Half of the money raised by sales of the book was donated to the medical day unit at Southport Hospital where one grandad, Peter Heyes from Skelmersdale, was a patient until his death from leukaemia.

And the other half went to the British Heart Foundation in memory of his other grandad, David Birchall, from Ormskirk. Both died aged 67, within 18 months of each other.

Tom came up with the idea for the joke book when, bored with practicing his handwriting, he started writing jokes instead.

He said: "Soon I had lots of jokes and I thought it would make a great book because I wanted to raise some money in memory of my grandads."

The youngster then wrote letters to 45 famous people and even members of the royal family, asking them to contribute.

And jokes came back from many, including TV presenter, Lucy Meacock and comedians,

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PLANS UNVEILED FOR LINNETS' NEW GROUND

By Danielle Thompson

PLANS for a new ground for Burscough Football Club at Victoria Park on Mart Lane have been unveiled.

Applicant Chequer Properties have submitted a planning application to West Lancashire Borough Council to create a replacement football ground including a two–storey main stand and clubhouse, single–storey secondary stand, floodlighting, hardstandings and car park to the west of the current ground, with access from Bobby Langton Way.

The design and access statement for the development states that it could cost around £300,000 to bring the current ground up to standard and says: "The club, as tenant, does not have the resources to carry out the remedial work and therefore the only way of providing a modern compliant stadium is to sell the current ground for re–development to fund the new facility."

A section of the current ground would be kept by the applicant to provide access to the site.

An artist's impression of the proposed new ground

It appears that the original ground is being de–listed as an asset of community value in order to be sold off.

In October, West Lancs Council was given notice under the Localism Act 2011 that Victoria Park would no longer be listed as an asset of community value from November 23 this year and the protected period will expire by April 12, 2017.

The notice states that eligible organisations should notify the council by 4pm on November 23 if they wish to be considered as a potential bidder for the property.

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Remembrance Sunday services and parades

WEST Lancashire will once again pay tribute to those brave people who have suffered or lost their lives serving their country at parades and services throughout the brough on Remembrance Sunday, November 8.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, who will be attending services in Ormskirk and Burscough, said: "Remembrance Sunday is a very important day when we come together to honour brave men and women who have died in the service of their country.

"West Lancashire is very proud of its links with the armed forces and large numbers attend the parades every year. We will all gather with pride to pay our respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice."

At the Ormskirk event, the mayor will be accompanied by West Lancs Council's managing director (people and places), Gill Rowe.

The parade will assemble at St Anne's RC Church at 9.30am for a short service beginning at 9.40am and including a minute's silence, the Last Post and Reveille.

At 9.50am the parade will march to the war memorial in Coronation Park for a service when again there will be a minute's silence along wth the Last Post, laying of wreaths and Reveille.

At 10.10am the parade will march to Ormskirk Parish Church for the main Service of Remembrance, which will start at 10.30am.

This will be followed by the march past and salute at the main gate of the parish church. The parade will then proceed to the civic hall, where refreshments will be provided.

In Skelmersdale, the deputy mayor, Councillor Liz Savage, accompanied by the council's managing director (transformation), Kim Webber, will join the parade which marches from Whitemoss Road at 10.35am, to the war memorial on Sandy Lane for a service and wreath–laying ceremony at 11am, which will include a minute's silence, the Last Post and Reveille.

Refreshments will be available after the service at the Winchester, Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale and also at the Wardens' Club, Blaguegate Lane, Skelmersdale.

The mayor will also attend the parade and service in Burscough.

The parade will assemble outside Legion headquarters in Lord Street at 1.45pm and march off at 2pm to the war memorial in Junction Lane where a wreath will be laid.

It will then proceed to St John's Parish Church for a service, which will include a minute's silence, the Last Post and Reveille. Following this the parade will re–form and march past the saluting base.

Refreshments will be provided at the Legion headquarters.

In addition, parish councils in Aughton, Lathom and Up Holland are arranging parades and ceremonies, while services will be held at many churches in the borough.

West Lancs Council has organised a service and two–minute silence ceremony at 11am on Wednesday, November 11 in Ormskirk town centre.

This will take place at the Clock Tower and will be attended by the deputy mayor, members of the local clergy, councillors and senior officers.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the service and ceremony and are invited to gather from 10.45am onwards.

There will also be a short service and a two–minute silence at 11am on Wednesday, November 11 at the HMS Ringtail Monument, off Pippin Street Roundabout, Burscough after which wreaths will be laid at the monument.

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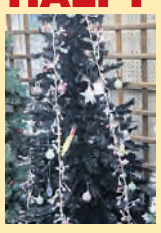
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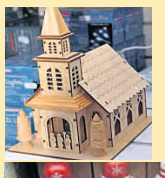
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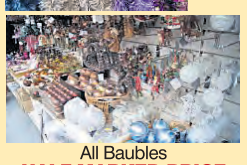
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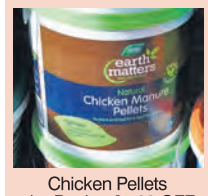

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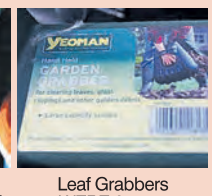

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Joke book raises cash for charities

Tom Heyes with his joke book

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Harry Hill and Peter Kay, whose joke was 'Shakespeare walks into a pub and the landlord says, you're bard'!

Staff from the Royal Household at Kensington Palace also sent two pages of jokes on behalf of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. But the Queen's lady–in–waiting politely declined on Her Majesty's behalf but did return the stamp addressed envelope that he sent.

Tom's parents, Neil and Claire Heyes, published 300 copies of the book through their family business Heyes Opticians and sold them for £3 each, with all of the proceeds going to the two charities.

Neil said: "It's been fantastic how supportive people have been and it's great for Tom to have another great memory of his grandads."

Couple in their 80s left without heating or hot water for five days

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A RETIRED doctor has slammed a service provider for failing to replace his boiler, leaving him and his wife – both in their 80s and suffering from debilitating health conditions – without any heating or hot water for five days.

The couple, eighty–one–year–old Navaratnam Navaneetharajah, and his wife Beatrice, 80, have a contract with United Utilities' service provider HomeServe, to provide home emergency assistance covering electrical, gas and plumbing problems.

So when the boiler in the couple's home in Granville Park West, Aughton broke on Sunday, October 25 Mr Navaneetharajah rang the company to report the problem.

Five days later though – and despite repeated requests – they were still waiting for an engineer to come out to assess the situation.

Finally, the exasperated grandfather called out an independent engineer and was charged about £500 for parts and labour.

The couple say that HomeServe have offered them £40 compensation.

Doctor Navaneetharajah has heart problems and a pacemaker, while his wife suffers from osteoporosis, spine and hip problems and diabetes.

He said: "I contacted HomeServe when the boiler broke and I was expecting them to send someone out on the same day as our health problems mean that it's dangerous for us to be cold. However, no one came and then I rang each day and kept being told an engineer would come out.

"By the Thursday I had given up and rang an engineer myself who came out, surveyed it and ordered parts.

"I spoke to HomeServe about covering the bill as it was their poor service that led me to call out an independent engineer and we were getting desperate. But it's not really about the money – they left us with no heating or hot water for five days and suffering from poor circulation on top of everything else. It could have made us really ill.

Vulnerable

"Altough the weather has been mild during the day we've been vulnerable at night when the temperature drops. We're in our 80s and pay to be covered for such emergencies – they should be ashamed of how they have treated us."

A spokesperson for HomeServe said: "We're very sorry that we weren't able to get an engineer out to Dr Navaneetharajah quicker. We've offered goodwill compensation to Dr Navaneetharajah for his inconvenience and are awaiting a copy of his independent engineer invoice."

Uni extension bid

PLANS have been submitted to create accommodation for another 168 students at Edge Hill University.

A planning application has been submitted for a change of use of land to form an extension and the erection of student accommodation at the campus on St Helens Road.

Local residents have until November 27 to submit their views on the application, which will then be delegated to the assistant director of planning for determination.

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Village lane named in top 10 places to live – in Liverpool!

A SURVEY rating residential areas on their quality of life has named a lane in Scarisbrick among the top 10 best places to live – in Liverpool!

The Family Friendliness Index report by property data portal Property Detective considered factors including facilities, schools and crime and other factors.

Bescar Lane came sixth on the list and was described as an "immaculate lane, well–catered for with maternity care and other key facilities nearby, while being surrounded by green spaces."

New Burscough FC ground plans

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The Localism Act requires local authorities to maintain a list of assets of community value which have been nominated by the local community. When listed assets come up for sale or change of ownership, the act then gives community groups the time to develop a bid and raise the money to bid to buy the asset when it comes on the open market.

Burscough FC chairman Mike Swift told the Champion: "It is a very exciting time for the club which is 100 years old. Subject to planning permission, it is an application for a significant investment in the ground and facilities. The current facilities are tired and the development brings forward advanced facilities for both supporters and players."

However, David Hardisty from the Burscough Independent Supporters Association is against moving the ground to the west of the site. He said: "This land is used regularly by swans and pink–footed geese for winter feeding. It is quite marshy and susceptible to flooding which is ideal for their purposes."

Members of the public have until Friday, November 27 to submit their views on the application, which will then be put before the planning committee.

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Roy pens poignant poetic tribute to tragic young soldier

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Report by **Henry James**

WHEN Champion reader Roy Richardson spotted the grave of a young West Lancashire soldier killed in action during the First World War he was moved to pen his own poetic tribute.

Roy, from Up Holland, was visiting Newburgh churchyard when he came across the grave of Harry Leslie Howden from Newburgh who was killed in action in Flanders on September 22, 1917.

Harry, the only son of Henry and Jane Howden from the village, was just 19 years old when he paid the ultimate price.

Roy Richardson said: "I spotted the grave in Newburgh churchyard and a century on it is still very moving.

"I wrote this short poem about it and thought you may find it suitable for your paper so close to November 11."

Taking his lead from Wilfred Owen's famous First World War poem, 'Dulce et Decorum Est', Roy's 'Harry Leslie Howden Pro Patria' goes as follows:

Harry, I know not your soldier's story,
Did you serve with pride for glory?
With pounding heart, did you go over the top,
Rush for enemy trenches and never stop?
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I'm sure that I could never be so brave,
Scared of ending in a muddy grave.
For a soldier I have never been,
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The churchyard memorial that prompted Roy to write his own tribute

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Mill renovation scheme wins national construction award

THE renovation of an iconic mill in Burscough has been recognised at a national construction awards ceremony.

Persimmon Homes' redevelopment of Ainscough Mill was highly commended at The Brick Awards, the national building industry's design and construction awards programme, in the Conversion or Refurbishment Development of the Year category.

The renovation of the former flour mill on Mill Lane was put back after it was engulfed in a huge blaze in March 2014. At the height of the blaze more than 50 firefighters tackled the flames while nearby residents were evacuated.

Mark Cook, managing director of Persimmon Homes Lancashire, said: "Ainscough Mill has enormous local significance to the village of Burscough, so our plans to develop this site always included a sensitive restoration of the historic buildings.

"The transformation has been fantastic to witness, from an empty shell into 56 contemporary apartments, combining modern living spaces with retained period features and unique charm.

"We are thrilled to receive this glowing endorsement from the construction industry's leading awards."

Call to keep new pedestrian area free of vehicles

By Danielle Thompson

A COMMUNITY group is calling for stricter enforcement to ensure vehicles don't park in the Moor Street pedestrianised area.

Members of Ormskirk Community Partnership, a campaign group which aims to raise the profile of the town as a visitor attraction, are calling on Lancashire County Council to do more to enforce parking restrictions after spotting cars parked in the area.

Councillor John Fillis, the county council's cabinet member for highways and transport, vowed to focus on the problem after he also spotted vehicles parked there in the last two weeks – and suggested that CCTV cameras could be one way to tackle illegal parking.

The campaign group believe that parked vehicles in this zone are creating a danger for pedestrians, as well as spoiling the shopping experience.

John Lloyd from Ormskirk Community Partnership said: "For too long, pedestrians have had to dodge numerous parked cars and put up with delivery vans and lorries manoeuvring among people, when shop rear access is available in many cases.

"But although the new traffic regulation orders are finally in operation, prohibiting traffic from 10am to 4pm, vehicles have started to re–appear in numbers in the absence of parking wardens.

"We hope that the county council's parking services will have sufficient personnel and resources for a stronger enforcement until the system is fully bedded in. The town cannot afford a return to the previous chaotic situation."

County Councillor John Fillis said: "Ormskirk's economy depends on being a place where people want to spend time and money, and the new traffic regulations are intended to make Moor Street a better environment for everyone. I'm glad to see they've been successful in deterring illegal access and parking on Moor Street.

"The new regulations have only been in force for a couple of weeks. We prioritise busy town–centre areas for enforcement and our officers will continue to make regular visits to the area as resources allow.

"I was in Ormskirk town the other Friday and witnessed similar scenes which I will be taking up with our enforcement department. I am considering, with the support of our legal department, if the current cameras in Ormskirk can be used for enforcement or whether we would need specific vehicle recognition cameras to carry out such work."

Re–dedication ceremony at Ringtail Memorial

A RE–dedication ceremony has been held at the HMS Ringtail Memorial Garden in Burscough.

Alderman Alan Bullen, chairman of Burscough Parish Council, and Ted Dickinson, chairman of Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society officiated at the re–dedication of the Ringtail Memorial at its new location in the Booths Memorial Garden at the Ringtail Retail Park.

The assembly gathered in the Memorial Garden at 11am where Alderman Bullen and Royal Naval Commander Thompson gave speeches to mark the occasion.

The memorial had to be moved around the development of the Ringtail Retail Park.

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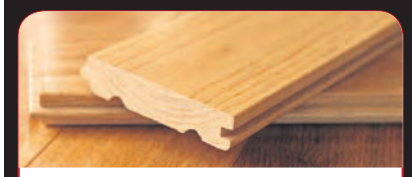

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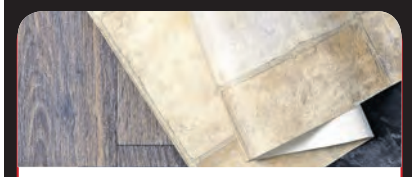

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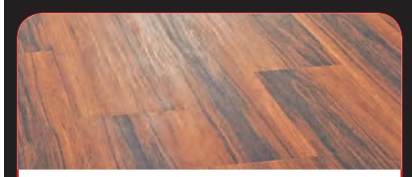

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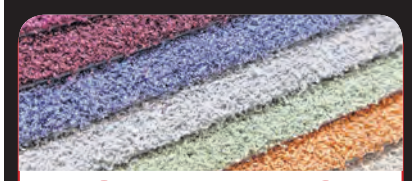

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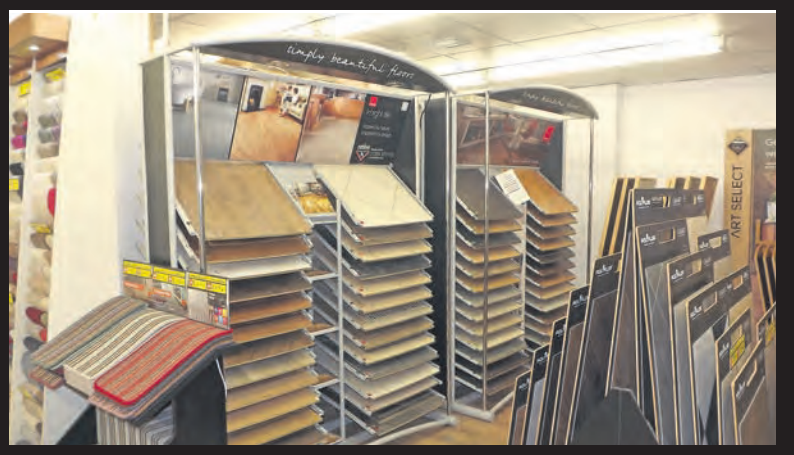

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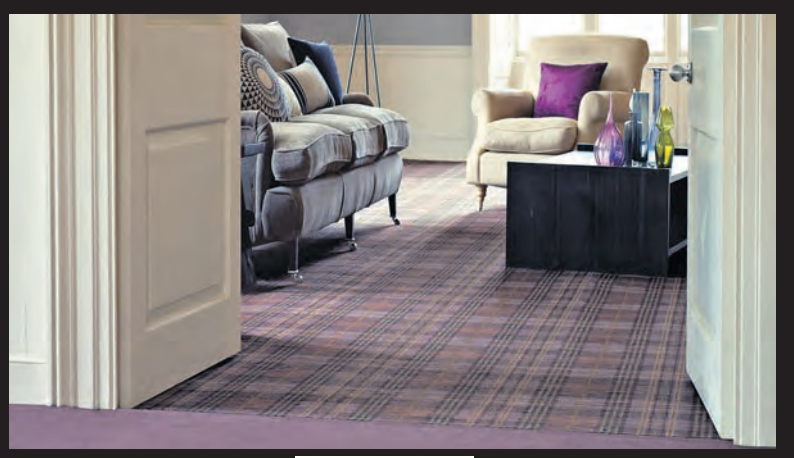

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Jenni nominated for young ambassador award after turning her life around

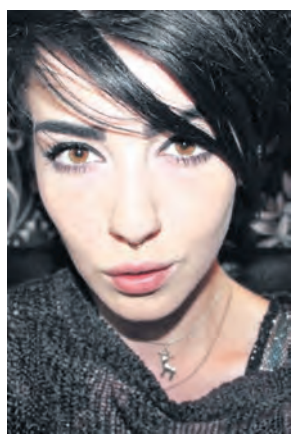
A YOUNG woman from Ormskirk has been nominated for an ambassador of the year award after turning her life around with the help of the Prince's Trust.

Jennifer Clayton–Brown, 20, was one of just three people from the North West nominated for the BAE Systems Young Ambassador of the Year Award at The Prince's Trust and Samsung Celebrate Success Awards due to be held in Liverpool last night (Tuesday, November 3).

Participants who complete a Prince's Trust course can become Young Ambassadors to volunteer, share personal experiences and inspire others.

The awards recognise the achievements of disadvantaged young people across the North West who have succeeded against the odds, improved their chances in life and had a positive impact on their local community.

Jennifer, popularly known as Jenni, first started self–harming when she was 14. Although she grew up in a supportive family she was depressed, secretly took cocaine and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder.



Jennifer Clayton–Brown

At college, Jenni replaced cocaine with alcohol and sank into a deeper depression. She completed her studies but found herself unemployed and at rock bottom.

Fearful for her wellbeing, her grandmother suggested Jenni should take part in a 12–week Prince's Trust programme run in partnership with West Lancashire College that aims to improve the skills and prospects of unemployed young people.

Jenni said: "I thought it would be a waste of time but by the end of it I was completely sober and I felt totally different about myself.

"I'm so thankful to have represented other young people as a Young Ambassador and shared the benefits of being involved with the Prince's Trust.

"I don't know where I'd be without the trust or whether I'd be alive at all. They helped me take control of my life. I go out more, I'm healthier and I've got a future."

Jenni no longer uses drugs, is managing urges to self–harm and is studying biology at university with plans to become a teacher.

Richard Hamer, education and skills director with BAE Systems, said: "Jenni didn't just change her own life, but has been able to change others' lives too. Her new–found confidence and past experiences will no doubt help to inspire and motivate others."

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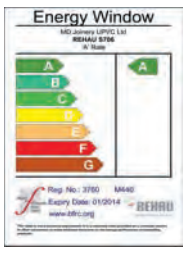

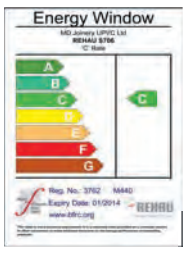

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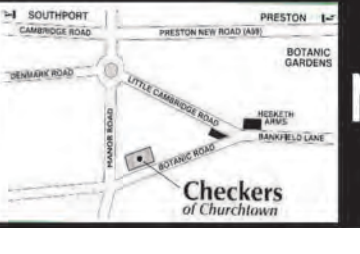

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Charity fair organisers aiming to top £300 target at third time of asking

THE third Mawdesley Christmas Charity Fair will be held on Saturday, November 21.

Running from 10.30am to 3.30pm at Mawdesley Methodist Church Hall the fair will feature a wide range of stalls including face painting, costume jewellery, Christmas cards and decorations, plus a lucky dip and tombola. Light lunches will also be available.

Funds raised by the fair will be donated to national charity, Dog's Trust.

Meanwhile, the church committee will be offering teas and coffees with proceeds divided between ongoing work on the church and their nominated charity for the year, Dog's Trust.

In previous years the fair raised more than £300 for Queenscourt Hospice in Southport and £300 for national charity, Diabetes UK.

One of the organisers, Elaine Banks, said: "We are really looking forward to hosting the fair again this year and are aiming to raise as much, if not more, as the previous two years. We've taken on board feedback from previous visitors to provide light lunches and the range of stalls this year is amazing."

Concert will be Janet's swansong

Janet Hitchen (left) performing with Ormskirk Music Society

LEADER of Ormskirk Music Society, Janet Hitchen, will be stepping down at the group's Autumn Concert on Saturday, November 14 after 33 years with the orchestra.

Starting at 7.30pm at Ormskirk School, Wigan Road, the concert will feature classical music of the 19th century including Beethoven's Egmont Overture and third symphony, Eroica. Guest soloist, Tom Kimmance will perform Mendelssohn's First Piano Concerto.

Clare Williams from Ormskirk Music Society said: "Janet is a talented violinist and pianist and all–round musical inspiration and we are incredibly grateful for all her hard work over the years."

Tickets are available either in advance (call Clare on 01925 221301) or on the door, priced £10 for adults and £5 for children.

Event will put spotlight on low pay in West Lancs

By **Henry James**

THE issue of low pay in West Lancashire will come under the spotlight at an event in Skelmersdale today (Wednesday, November 4).

The event is being held at Evermoor Hub Community Centre from 10am to 12.15pm as part of Living Wage Week (November 1 to 7) and organisations and local employers are being encouraged to attend to learn more about the benefits of paying a living wage for businesses, employees and the local economy.

The Living Wage is an hourly rate set independently and updated annually.

It is calculated according to the basic cost of living and employers choose to pay the wage on a voluntary basis.

The current UK living wage rate is £7.85 per hour and the new rate is set to be announced this week.

Recent figures from the Office for National Statistics indicated that West Lancashire has one of the highest percentage (38.2%) of employers in the country currently not paying the living wage rate.

Paul Bunyan, from Edge Hill University who is helping to organise the event, said: "As well as looking at ways of addressing low pay in West Lancashire we are also keen to identify those businesses and employers who currently pay the living wage and would consider going the extra mile and becoming accredited Living Wage employers."

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Forces charity honour for bike 'Hero' Dave

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

BIG–hearted biker Dave Sims has earned national recognition for his pedal–pushing charity efforts.

The 37–year–old from Halsall, who has raised more than £12,000 for Help For Heroes, was honoured at the armed forces charity's official dinner at Tedworth House in Wiltshire when he received the Hero Award, which recognises fundraisers who go 'beyond the norm' for the cause.

Dave initially raised £10,500 for the charity, which cares for ex–servicemen and women and their families, by tackling the gruelling 2,000–mile Tour de France route on an adapted children's Raleigh Chopper bike this summer with encouragement from two–times Tour winner Chris Froome.

The charity's Hero Award is given to fundraisers who have shown unrivalled dedication to Help for Heroes, taken an innovative stance to their fundraising or who have inspired those around them.

And Dave followed up his exertions in the saddle by organising a Tour de France–themed fundraising dinner at the Wrightington Hotel and Country Club in Standish featuring a three–course meal and charity auction and raising a further £1,700 for Help for Heroes.

Dave, who presented a giant cheque to Help For Heroes ambassador Don McLean at the dinner, said: "It was phenomenal to be given an award by Help for Heroes and it was a fitting closure for the Tour De France project when I got to hand over the charity cheque to Don.

"It was a very special moment and my thanks go to everyone who attended and made the night the success it was. I am very humbled."

ABOVE: Dave Sims with his Hero Award and Help For Heroes mascot Hero Beat at the charity's official dinner

BELOW: Dave presents his cheque to Don McLean

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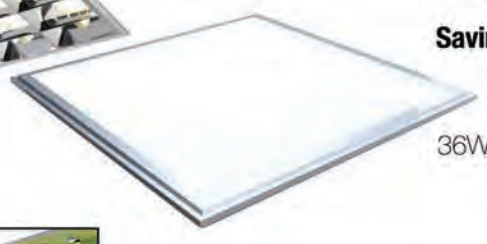

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Back on his feet in next to no time

Kerryn walking hours after hip replacement thanks to hospital's pioneering techniques

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A MAN who previously struggled to walk more than 100 yards was back on his feet and taking the first steps to recovery just three hours after getting a new hip – thanks to pioneering rehabilitation techniques devised by staff at Ormskirk Hospital!

And the patient, 54–year–old Kerryn Bailey from Birkdale, was even able to go home the next day.

Kerryn, a former Merseyside Police officer, originally injured his hip in a motorcycle accident and later began to suffer arthritis.

He said: "Before the operation I couldn't walk more than 100 yards but the treatment has been fantastic.

"I couldn't fault the NHS – the operation has transformed my life!"

The accelerated rehabilitation programme has been developed by the physiotherapy and occupational therapy team and surgeons at Ormskirk Hospital.

As part of traditional rehabilitation patients were advised to restrict their movements for up to six weeks after surgery.

Consultant orthopaedic surgeon Matthew Cartwright–Terry, who performed Kerryn's operation, said: "25 years ago it wasn't uncommon for patients to be in hospital two to three weeks after a total hip replacement.

"Now it's two or three days and our ambition is to get discharge down to 24 hours where it's appropriate.

"Improved anaesthetics and how we reduce bleeding and swelling have all helped but so too has our accelerated rehabilitation programme where we're supporting patients help in their own recovery."

Kerryn on his feet and walking just three hours after hip replacement

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University could be more active in response to complaints about students

YOUR many correspondents on the subject of badly–behaved students should have realised by now that it is a waste of time and effort trying to get Edge Hill University even interested, let alone actually do something.

They can come up with many fine words which, in fact, are shallow and meaningless, but then, they don't have to do anything. It became evident 16 years ago that they are above the law, when a bizarre judgment by a misguided judge allowed them to continue their blissful existence without any worries about what their students were up to, either on or off the campus.

Only a police presence can improve the town–centre problems but surely the university could be more active in response to complaints of badly–behaved student neighbours? My heart goes out to those residents who have this problem and I know it has ruined the quality of life for many of them, just as it did ours 16 years ago.

We need a lot more action from the borough council to combat this. The university has built only minimal student accommodation to match their massive increase in student population and the result of that is well known.

The planning authorities have allowed the university to continually expand without any consideration for the impact on our community. We should be seeing our council campaigning for action, whether by the police or Edge Hill. We need them to start putting the community first rather than bowing the knee to commercial advantage.

We also have a perceived housing shortage in the borough and yet we have countless houses in part–time occupation by tenants who don't even pay council tax. It just doesn't make sense and it is time to put a complete stop on conversions to HMOs otherwise there will never be any property suitable for first–time buyers.

It would be nice to think that the process could be put into reverse by compelling Edge Hill to build sufficient accommodation to allow housing to be returned to normal use. The landlords wouldn't like it but who really cares about that?

The problems our town are experiencing are not unique. It is a national problem wherever there is a university and a substantial tranche of infrastructure investment targeted at increasing student accommodation wherever it is needed and viable could have a significant impact on our national housing shortage.

Edge Hill seems to have a bottomless bag of funds so let's now see some of it used to benefit the community they have blighted.

E. Beaumont,
Ormskirk

Random side–street parking is an accident waiting to happen

RE: student parking.

I appreciate students require parking facilities for their cars but would like to bring to the attention of Edge Hill University the dangers they are causing by parking cars in any side street due to lack of space at the university.

Lancashire fire brigade was in Altys Lane, Ormskirk recently outside the cricket club. They had great difficulty manoeuvring the fire engine down Altys Lane past the cricket club because of cars being parked on either side of the lane.

They eventually managed it and tried to drive along Brook Lane into Ravenscroft Avenue but once again, due to students parking on either side of the road, the fire engine could not enter the road.

It had to reverse and once again manoeuvre the fire engine back up Altys Lane.

I feel this is a potential hazard to the residents living on both Altys Lane by the cricket club and also in Ravenscroft Avenue.

Some of the students are actually parking their cars on the pavements/road which also makes life difficult for parents to pass through with prams.

Residents have reported this problem on several occasions to the council highways departments but obviously this isn't an issue for them.

It could be if an accident should occur in the future.

Concerned resident,
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Going wild in the woods

Anne Faulkner from conservation charity Plantlife joined a party of children from Maghull's Summerhill Holiday Club to explore Balls Wood Park as part of the 'We're in the Wild' project.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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I'll only believe new cinema when I see it!

I AGREE with the letter from the concerned Skelmersdale resident (Champion, October 21) with regard to our new cinema.

We used to have a cinema where Seldons bingo hall used to be but unfortunately both have left the area.

In order to see the new movies I have to travel out of town to Southport or Wigan and then have the added expense of fares on top of the cinema price too.

The Concourse shopping centre need to attract a few of the high street stores, i.e. Primark, Marks & Spencer, as this would bring more trade to the Concourse.

I will only believe the Concourse will be getting a cinema when I finally see it up and running.

Elizabeth Bennett,
Skelmersdale

Shop wouldn't let me collect my electricity allowance

I RECENTLY received a letter from my electricity and gas supplier, British Gas, saying I was entitled to £15 free allowance for my electric – great!

The letter stated that I could just take it to my nearest local PayPoint and they would do the rest.

I went in, bought my usual newspapers and handed in the letter with the barcode and my key. I was told: 'We don't do that anymore, we have other things to do.'

I am 77 and I was humiliated. I wasn't asking for money – just what I was allowed by British Gas.

It seems they can pick and choose can they?

I came home, minus my papers, and rang British Gas.

They were not very happy about it and they said they will be contacting the shop in question immediately.

They said the shop gets a percentage to deal with these keys, cards, etc. They were very helpful.

Needless to say, the shop in question will NOT be getting any of my custom again.

There is a notice by the till that says you need to buy papers, cigarettes or sweets to 'top up.' This is wrong, surely?

I have now found another outlet which is nearer to me and they can now have my custom.

Brian Day,
Skelmersdale.

Surface water drainage charge is just not fair on economical users

RE: recent correspondence about water charges, a number of years ago I also questioned my surface water charges with United Utilities, feeling aggrieved that I adopt a personal policy of economical water usage only to find over one third of my total water bill charge was, and is, for surface water drainage.

The hoops that I would have to jump through in order to prove that I didn't contribute to surface water run–off (as apparently the use of water butts at every drainage downpipe was insufficient) meant that it would be a pointless exercise.

The thing that I find most galling is that the charge is per household, not per person and yet, I think, we all use highways.

If, as Mr Pratt suggests, it was a highways charge, then would income tax payers (and what about car tax payers?) contribute to this cost?

Maybe that would make it more palatable. Just a thought.

Amanda Bennett,
Bickerstaffe

Could it be time to resurrect the Ormskirk bypass – yet again!

WITHOUT wishing to appear cynical in any way, has anyone noticed how much the dire traffic gridlock in Ormskirk town centre has improved since the Thornton Link Road from Switch Island to Crosby opened up a couple of months ago?

No? Me neither!

In fact, it appears to have got considerably worse.

Maybe the powers that be (Rosie Cooper MP, John Fillis Lancashire County Council cabinet member for highways & transport, local councillors, Highways Agency etc.) should now really give serious consideration to a new traffic control masterplan that will actually save the town from choking to death.

Now that it is clearly evident that the new link road has had absolutely no effect on Ormskirk traffic, perhaps the BYPASS could be resurrected – AGAIN!

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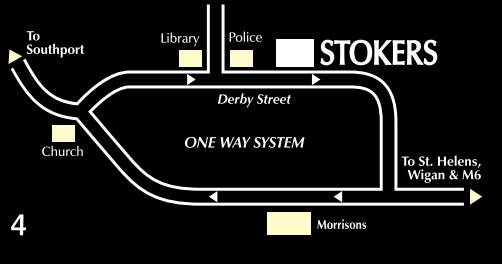

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Council consults public on changes to taxis policy

WEST Lancs Council is inviting residents to submit their views on proposed changes to the borough's Taxi Licensing Policy.

All taxis and taxi drivers operating in the borough are licensed by the council as a way of ensuring public safety with standards reviewed every three years.

The new Taxi Licensing Policy is due to come into force next year and the council has started a public consultation on the proposed changes which will run until January 10, 2016.

These include extending the ban on smoking in all licensed vehicles to include e–cigarettes in order to further promote improved public health for drivers and passengers.

The council believes e–cigarettes have the potential to make smoking appear more acceptable and also make enforcement of the current no smoking rule more difficult.

Other proposals include revising the 'knowledge test' for new driver licence applicants to place greater emphasis on the understanding of licence conditions and issues relating to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Councillor Kevin Wright

A new urgent action procedure is also suggested which aims to improve the way officers can deal with those licence–holders that may have either been accused or convicted of a serious offence and the matter needs to be addressed quickly.

New procedures are also planned which set out how the council assesses the criminal history of applicants or existing licence–holders. The proposals are based on a document agreed by officer groups across Lancashire and Greater Manchester and designed to promote consistency and transparency in licensing decisions.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "This is a very important policy for the council and we would welcome the views of anyone living and working in the borough, as well as the licensed trade. We would particularly like to hear from people who use taxis regularly so that we can ensure our policy meets the needs of local people."

The police and local taxi companies and drivers have been contacted directly to get their views.

All comments received will be presented to the Licensing and Appeals Committee for consideration.

To read the draft policy and find out how you can give your views go to www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews and click on consultations underway.

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Countdown begins to canal's bicentenary

NEXT year will see the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal – and already a host of activities have been planned to mark the milestone.

Construction of the 127–mile canal, which traverses much of West Lancashire, began in 1770 and was finally completed on October 22, 1816.

Believed to be the longest single canal in England constructed by one company, it is now managed by the Canal & River Trust which is one of the groups staging events in the countdown to the bicentenary, along with the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society, the Inland Waterways Association and the 12 boroughs through which it passes.

A heritage mile marker project, a pioneering coast to coast canoe trail, plus arts projects and festivals, are just some of the events being staged.

The canal had a chequered history. Work had begun in 1770 at both ends of the proposed route and by 1777 the stretches from Leeds to Gargrave and from Liverpool to Parbold were open.

However, at this stage the money ran out and worked stopped until 1790.

The route was then altered to take in the growing industrial towns of East Lancashire but it was not until 1816 that the last section, between Wigan and Johnson's Hillock, near Chorley, was finished, finally creating a trans–Pennine link.

In its heyday, the canal carried cotton, coal, wool, limestone, sugar and other vital commodities through the rapidly–expanding industrial communities of Lancashire and Yorkshire.

The Leeds and Liverpool Canal at Lathom

The year–long calendar of events will culminate in October 2016 with the awarding–winning, heritage education boat, Kennet, re–creating the first complete trans–Pennine journey along the canal by the merchants of Yorkshire and Lancashire 200 years ago.

Chantelle Seaborn, local waterways manager with the Canal & River Trust, said: "The Leeds and Liverpool Canal is such a special waterway and it's fantastic that so many people want to celebrate this landmark anniversary.

"To leave a lasting legacy, we will be launching a major project, 'Every Mile Counts', in November to replace the missing or severely damaged mile markers which have been lost over the last two centuries.

"We are very excited to work with local communities who want to be involved and are looking for sponsors to give £200 in our 200th year to help with this important legacy project."

Mike Clarke, Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society president and canal historian, who will be giving several illustrated talks over the next 12 months, said: "We will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the canal's completion and reflect upon its importance to both the towns and cities it connects, and to the country as a whole.

"Today there are fewer industries along its banks, but the canal still gives many benefits to communities along its route. Now there are opportunities for leisure where once hard labour prevailed and the towpath is open to all."

College open evening

WEST Lancashire College are staging one of their popular open evenings tonight (Wednesday, November 4) at the Skelmersdale campus in College Way.

The event runs from 5 to 8pm, with a firework display at 7.15pm, and all are welcome.

Visitors can get information on courses, receive careers advice and guidance and apply for apprenticeship vacancies, as well as taking in the stalls and displays and enjoying free mini treatments.

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Dan's all set for take off with new holiday airline

Travel entrepreneur prepares to launch JetsGo from Manchester Airport

Come fly with me! Travel entrepreneur Daniel Reilly

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A MAGULL–born air travel entrepreneur, who became Britain's youngest airline boss, is set to launch a new package holiday company from Manchester Airport.

JetsGo Holidays will take off next Spring and for boss, Daniel Reilly, it will be the next step in a business that first took off in the bedroom of his parents home when he was just 15.

Now 28, Daniel, who is a trained pilot, spent several years pounding the beat as a police officer in Southport after his first attempt to single–handedly charter flights from Liverpool to the Canary Islands nosedived in 2005 when he was 18.

His financial backer – a Yorkshire–based software company – went bust leaving the budding Richard Branson grounded.

Undeterred, police officer Reilly was determined to get his dream in the air again and founded no–frills operator Jetxtra in 2013 to transport holidaymakers from the UK to Alicante and Majorca.

Despite Reilly's strong ties with nearby John Lennon Airport, he identified Humberside Airport as his base and the company leased an Embraer 190, which carries 98 passengers, from British Airways.

After planning its routes, Jetxtra finally took to the skies, bound for Alicante in May 2013.

Now two years on, Daniel has turned his attention back to the North West, with his new company, Jetsgo Holidays, soon to take to the skies.

Ahead of announcing JetsGo Holidays first flights from Manchester Airport to Majorca in summer 2016, Daniel told the Champion: "We are delighted to confirm that we have secured a deal with British Airways to operate our flights to Majorca for next summer.

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Daniel, who attended Deyes High School in Maghull, still lives locally and admits to looking forward to enjoying his usual Friday night pint in the Hare and Hounds in Maghull after his commutes from his base in Majorca.

He added: "We have always looked for opportunities in the North West and this new deal at Manchester Airport means a bigger catchment area and more people looking for low cost holidays.

"Hopefully it will be a busy summer for Jetsgo Holidays."

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Minister urged to honour commitment to county's policing

MP says proposed cuts will 'decimate' service

Report by **Henry James**

WITH Lancashire Police facing a further £88m in cuts to its funding, Rosie Cooper is calling on the policing minister to honour his commitment to ensure police forces have the resources to keep residents safe in their homes and on the streets.

Ms Cooper raised concerns about the impact of cuts on frontline policing in March this year in the House of Commons during Home Office questions.

In response, policing minister, Mike Penning stated: "The Home Secretary and I have made it clear that there is no question but that the police will have the resources to do their important work."

However, just months later Lancashire Police is facing a further £88 million of cuts by 2020 which, the West Lancs MP says, will "decimate" policing services across the county.

Ms Cooper, who attended the All Party meeting of Lancashire MPs with the police and crime commissioner to discuss how frontline policing in Lancashire is being "disproportionately affected" by the proposed government funding cuts, said: "It was clear from the meeting that frontline policing, essential to keeping people safe on the streets and in their homes, is being torn apart.

"Back in 2011, we had a fight to save the future of Ormskirk police station and Aughton police point during the initial round of £60m worth of cuts. Now Lancashire Police are facing a further £88 million in cuts.

"Prior to the election we heard all the bluff and bluster from the minister about the government's commitment to ensuring police forces had the necessary resources. Clearly those words were meaningless.

"It is clear the scale of these funding cuts will not leave police forces, such as Lancashire, with the resources they need to do their job in protecting residents and communities.

"It is outrageous that Lancashire Police, deemed to be an 'outstanding' police force is being penalised for doing their job well by having to face disproportionately savage cuts that will see us losing more than 50% of our police officers between 2010 and 2020.

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West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper outside Ormskirk Police station

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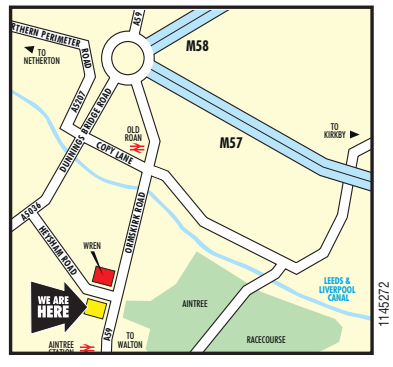

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The group is also hosting a Lancashire–themed Christmas evening at the village hall starting at 7.30pm on Saturday, December 12. Association chairman, Bill Halkett, said: "Entertainment at the Christmas evening will be provided by Mark Dowding and Sid Calderbank with their songs and stories."

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An artist's impression of the proposed development

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

ORMSKIRK'S popular Chapel Gallery has received a £127,933 Arts Council England grant.

The money will enable staff at the council–run gallery in St Helens Road to develop a first–floor exhibition and events space and effectively double the already impressive range of activities provided.

The scheme will also include a lift so the new exhibition space will be fully accessible and a new main entrance to make the front of the building much more eye–catching.

This will feature bespoke glass windows, developed by artist Jo Vincent working with Barnardo's Lancashire Young Carers.

And, while this is an impressive development in its own right, the gallery has even more exciting plans to further develop the first–floor exhibition space so it can host larger, high–profile touring shows.

Council chiefs hope this will attract even more visitors to Ormskirk and assist with its cultural regeneration.

The popular annual events programme, which already includes a wide range of exciting arts activities for people of all ages, will also be improved.

Impact

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "This is very exciting news, the venue will be able to make greater impact in attracting visitors to Ormskirk while also improving services to local people. It's a fantastic venue and great to have it on our doorstep.

"The gallery already has an excellent reputation within the North West for increasing access to the arts through a high–quality events programme. The next programme includes an exhibition by the world–renowned children's book illustrator, Nick Sharratt.

"Now staff will have the space and facilities to make the gallery an even better quality cultural destination and improve its service to local people and visitors from across the region."

The Chapel Gallery is family–friendly and provides something for everyone to enjoy, with free activities taking place during each exhibition. The Creative Space is also available on Saturdays for families to get creative together.

Chance to have your say on community health services

By **Henry James**

THE NHS in West Lancashire is welcoming views from the public about experiences of using local community health services.

As part of its ongoing re–procurement of the community services contract, NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) would like to know what is working well locally and what could be improved.

Community health services and primary care includes various local services such as GPs, district nurses, community matrons, mental health services, podiatry, dieticians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, treatment room services, leg ulcer clinic, continence service, MSK (musculoskeletal) clinics and end of life care teams.

The CCG has launched a survey, which is available online at surveymonkey.com /s/joinedupcare. Printed copies of the survey can be requested directly from the CCG by calling 01695 588 203 or emailing to myview@ westlancashireccg.nhs.uk

Claire Heneghan, chief nurse of NHS West Lancashire CCG

Claire Heneghan, chief nurse of NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "As local healthcare commissioners, we must continuously review all the contracts we hold in terms of patient safety, quality and choice, clinical evidence and value. This procurement is therefore part of normal NHS practice. This decision to re–procure is part of our vision for joined up care, which will bring improvements in care locally and deliver services closer to people's homes.

"We will ensure we work collaboratively with everyone, such as hospital and community staff, the voluntary sector and other partners, on our plans and importantly consider the local community's views as part of this process.

"This element of co–design is something we're committed to. It is crucial we understand from the people using these local services what is going well, what could be improved and any other experiences or feedback they wish to share."

The CCG's website, www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk, is updated regularly with news on this procurement including a summary of the local NHS body's vision for joined–up care.

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Dementia Friends Champion Joe Sherville with Prince's Trust members and staff at Abbey Wood Lodge

Prince's Trust team sign up to Dementia Friends initiative

Report by
Danielle Thompson

MEMBERS of the Ormskirk Prince's Trust team learned how to help elderly people suffering from dementia at a special support session.

The free one–hour session was run by local Dementia Friends Champion, Joe Sherville at Abbey Wood Lodge care home on County Road in Ormskirk and attended by 11 members of the Prince's Trust team who signed up to become Dementia Friends.

They were invited to complete the session by Lesley Malone, events organiser at the home, as part of her Across the Ages initiative, a range of events, advice and support sessions and activity projects aimed at bringing together members of the community of all ages.

The Dementia Friends initiative was launched in February by national charity the Alzheimer's Society to help members of the public understand what it might be like to live with dementia and turn that understanding into action.

The Prince's Trust aims to give unemployed young people aged 16 to 25 the skills and confidence to find a job through activities such as helping in local communities, fundraising, practical work and building work skills.

Lesley Malone said: "Four young adults from the Prince's Trust are coming back to the home to do a two–week community involvement placement as part of their 12–week course with the Prince's Trust.

"Three of them will be assisting carers in daily duties, serving meals, teas, coffees and daily activities and they will be fully involved with the elderly people living at Abbey Wood Lodge.

"Meanwhile, one of the young adults will be mentored and trained by myself as an activity co–ordinator as she wishes to become one.

"Early next year Joe Sherville and myself will be launching a Dementia Reminiscing Group, held at the home each month, for anyone who has a family member suffering with dementia. They will be able to join in with meaningful activities, events and trips.

"Anyone who would like to come along for a session can contact me on 01695 767778."

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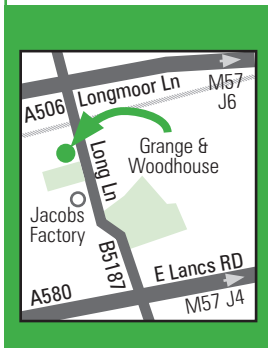

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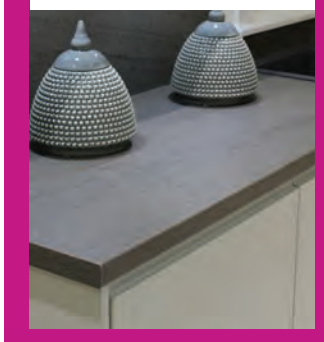

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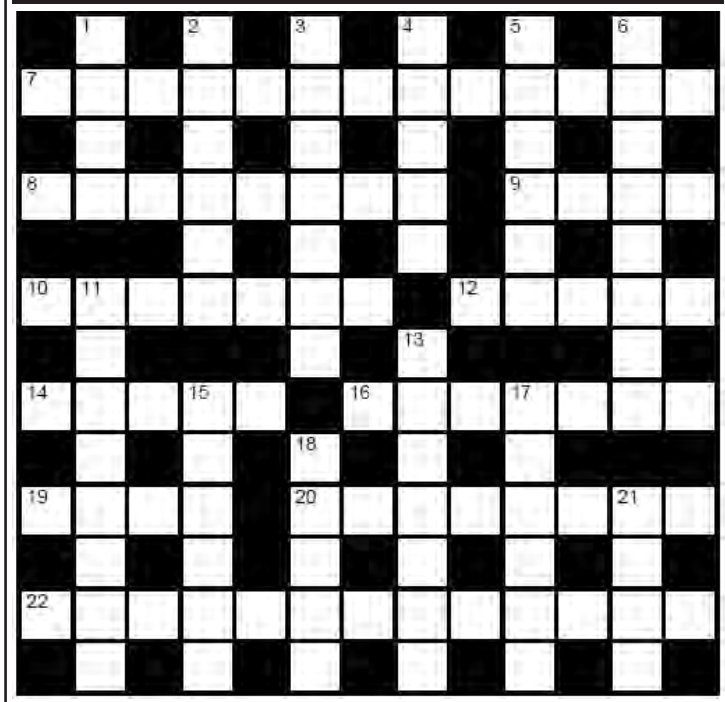

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Across: 7 Shimmy. 8 Awning. 9 Emir. 10 Spheroid. 11 Biscuit. 13 Inane. 15 Emend. 16 Vatican. 18 Adorable. 19 Exam. 21 Escape. 22 Escudo.

Down: 1 Sham. 2 American dream. 3 Gymslip. 4 Lathe. 5 Intransigence. 6 Insignia. 12 Immodest. 14 Wavelet. 17 Abbey. 20 Aide.

ACROSS

7 Inspected a second time (6-7)
8 Inflamed blister usually near to the lips and mouth (4,4)
9 Leave out (4)
10 First lunar phase (3,4)
12 American mammal with black and white fur which emits a foul-smelling liquid when threatened (5)
14 Fundamental character or spirit of a culture (5)
16 Informal term for someone who follows the latest trends and fashions (7)
19 Discretion (4)
20 Time between sunset and dusk (8)
22 Device used to direct a vehicle (8,5)

DOWN

1 West African country whose capital is Lome (4)
2 Latin term meaning in the same place (6)
3 Pressurised substance released as a fine spray (7)
4 Person who steals (5)
5 Used to specify the hour when telling the time (6)
6 Dependency (8)
11 Removes, takes out (8)
13 Norse seafarers of the 8th to 11th centuries (7)
15 Starting point (6)
17 A forge (6)
18 Blemish (5)
21 Take notice of (4)

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Borough parks to host free autumn events

THERE are some great free events lined up in the borough's parks in November.

You can join the council rangers for a lovely autumn walk through Fairy Glen in Parbold on Saturday, November 7 starting at 10am.

The eight–mile walk passes through some of West Lancashire's most beautiful countryside and there are stunning views across the Lancashire plain and beyond as the route loops round over Hunters Hill and Harrock Hill.

People who want to join in should bring a packed lunch and meet at the lay–by opposite Fairy Glen on the A5209.

Meanwhile, volunteers can help the rangers to plant trees in Coronation Park, Ormskirk, on Saturday, November 14, in Richmond Park, Burscough on Sunday, November 15 and at Beacon Country Park on Saturday, November 28.

Tree–planting is an important part of parks management as it adds height and age structure to the existing woodlands and provides valuable habitats for the parks wildlife, as well as helping to widen the biodiversity in the park.

All the tree–planting events start at 1pm.

Please ensure that you wear sturdy footwear and clothing suitable to the task and weather conditions.

Then on Sunday, November 29 in Coronation Park, Ormskirk, you can get into the swing of the festive season and make your very own Christmas wreath and ornaments using materials harvested from the park.

Booking is required for this activity, which starts at 10am at the bowling pavilion.

A similar event takes place at Beacon Country Park on Saturday, December 5, also starting at 10am.

Contact the rangers on 01695 622794 or email beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk to book places for either event.

All under–16s require the supervision of an adult aged over 18 at these events.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "All these events sound like a lot of fun so come along and enjoy them. By helping with the tree–planting you will also be taking part in an important task that will maintain and improve our parks for human and animal visitors."

Nostalgic sing–along for mayor's charities

RESIDENTS are being urged to enjoy a sing–along of wartime melodies to help raise money for the Mayor of West Lancashire's charities on Saturday (November 7).

The mayor, Councillor Nikki Hennessy will be hosting the event from 7pm at Aughton Village Hall which will be transformed into an old–fashioned music hall for the evening.

The evening, arranged by local music teacher Eunice Woof MBE, wil feature a wide range of performers singing memorable favourites including We'll Meet Again, Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye and Lilli Marlene.

All proceeds will go to the mayor's charities which are the Alzheimer's Society in West Lancashire and Lancashire Young Carers.

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Why Saturday mornings are not remotely relaxing for me

I'VE come to three conclusions after recent untoward events thoroughly upset my equilibrium.

One. It would be best if I stayed abed on Saturday mornings.

Two. I must be one of the most stupid persons about.

Three. I must also be one of the luckiest.

Actually, this story starts a couple of months back, when by what I thought then a thousand to one chance saw the remote control for my television recorder nosedive from a pile of papers directly into my tea mug.

The poor thing was dead as the proverbial dodo – and more in desperation than hope, I took the tea–soaked gadget to a local electrical shop where a kindly gent said he'd take a look, if he could repair it is would cost be but £7, and if he couldn't there would be no charge.

Miracles do occur. Within a couple of hours I was reunited with a working remote. I'm probably not allowed to name the shop – but it's not a million miles away from the Coach and Horses pub in Maghull.

But back to Black Saturdays.

Last week I recounted how endured torment on a Saturday morning after finding I'd lost my travel pass – but then relief when a lad whose mother had found it called round to hand back to me.

However. Last Saturday morning my errant remote repeated its trick – this time into a coffee mug. Some folk just never learn.

Again, with little hope of it being again repairable, I wrapped it in a (clean) doggy bag and set off for the vicinity of the Coach and Horses.

The kindly shop man unwrapped the remote, tried its buttons – and it sprang into life yet again!

Mind you, after returning home via a couple of shops, the remote stopped working a couple of hours later.

By now the shops had closed and I faced spending the rest of the weekend with no access to the wonders stored on the recording machine – and thinking I would have to send off for a replacement remote.

I only realised this was the case when I examined the recorder itself (a fairly upmarket one) and found that it could be switched on and off standby and would change TV channels from its inbuilt controls.

Not really much use for a recorder/player though. So I consulted its instruction manual – and sure enough, all its 'higher' functions are accessible only via its remote!

So, having tried warming my remote to no effect, I popped it into the fridge for ten minutes or so.

And it worked. It 'died' again after while but after a second treatment it sprang again to life and is still working perfectly.

What stupidity I am going to perpetrate on myself next Saturday morning I don't know.

But the problem with staying in bed is that I find it almost physically impossible to 'lie in' – it gives me a headache. Not to mention the necessity of letting Tina and Cinders out for their morning ablutions.

So I think I'll refrain from putting anything into the pocket with my travel pass – and make sure that remote controls are kept at least a room's length from and tea or coffee mugs.

And tell myself that lightning never strikes thrice.

Schools squad kick–off with hard–fought away success

THE West Lancashire under–11s Schoolboys Football team kicked off the season in the Merseyside District League with a hard–fought 3–2 away win at Kirkby Schoolboys.

After falling a goal behind inside the first 10 minutes to a fantastic strike from 25 yards, West Lancs showed great determination to get back in the game with two well–taken goals by Will Porter giving them a merited half–time lead.

Both sides continued to create chances before a well–deserved strike by Matty Gore made it 3–1 to West Lancs.

Kirkby grabbed a late goal to ensure an exciting finale to the game but West Lancs held on to claim the three points.

Team manager, Jon Lane, said: "It was a fantastic game with both teams showing a real desire to win. It was our first match together after only one training session and the boys can be very proud of their efforts. The work rate and team ethic was outstanding."

The West Lancashire under–11s squad

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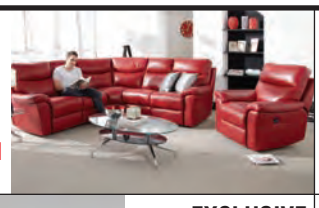

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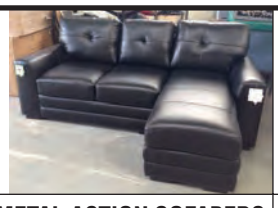

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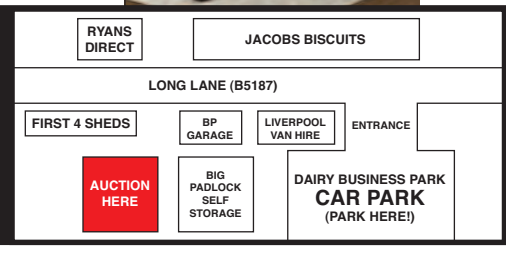

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'Grow your mo' call to front health campaign

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire's men are being encouraged to take part in an annnual campaign to raise awareness of health issues.

Health professionals at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are calling on the county's male population to become walking, talking adverts for Movember this year by growing their moustaches for 30 days to raise money and awareness around men's health.

The awareness campaign, led by the Movember Foundation, began in Australia 10 years ago. Its aim is to get men talking about real health issues such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health issues.

Talking point

Gareth Beck, health improvement specialist at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, takes part in Movember each year and encourages his colleagues to do the same.

He said: "Men often don't like to discuss their health issues, so taking part in such a great campaign is so important.

"It's a real talking point and I have the opportunity to encourage my colleagues and our partner agencies to get involved in raising awareness of men's health.

"Each year I organise a group who take part in the campaign and together we raise money for a great cause."

Movember guidelines are simple. Men begin the month cleanly shaven and let their moustache flourish until the end of the month.

The official rules state there should be no joining of the moustache to the sideburns (as that's considered a beard) and there should be no joining of the handlebars to the chin (that's considered a goatee).

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The winner of the award will be announced on Monday, November 30 at Chester Racecourse.

Healthwatch Lancashire chief executive, Gill Brown said: "I am really pleased that our work has been recognised in the Research and Innovation Awards and that it was able to lead to improvements for patients."

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Edge Hill lecturer wins funding for abortion project

Report by **Henry James**

A PROJECT examining the so–called Liverpool–Ireland 'abortion corridor', led by Edge Hill's Dr Deirdre Duffy, has been awarded funding as part of the Wellcome Trust's Humanities and Social Sciences Seed Grant Scheme.

Dr Duffy, a lecturer in the Ormskirk university's department of social scences, said: "Over 5,000 women from Ireland travel to the UK for abortions per year and the Liverpool–Ireland 'abortion corridor' has huge cultural and historical significance for Irish women north and south of the border.

"It also has substantial clinical implications – these patients are arguably unlike any others in both their needs and circumstances."

The project is the first of its kind, bringing together sociological, historical and medical perspectives and Dr Duffy is co–ordinating it with collaborators from the faculty of health and social care, the Institute of Irish Studies at the University of Liverpool and the history department at University College Dublin.

She added: "The Liverpool–Ireland 'abortion corridor' is well–known and is a whole–island problem, not just a phenomenon of Southern Ireland. However, the dynamics of the corridor, what women experience and how they are supported once they reach Liverpool is still hazy."

The findings from the research will be used to inform campaigns for legislative change in Northern and Southern Ireland and guidance for clinicians supporting women who make this journey.

ANALYSIS

The funding covers four international day–long symposia at Edge Hill, University College Dublin, the University of Ulster, and University of Liverpool, in addition to secondary data collection and primary research with practitioners and former practitioners based in Liverpool and activists based in Ireland.

The project is intended to lead to a larger multi–disciplinary analysis of the legal, medical and cultural contours of the Irish 'abortion trail.'

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Festive lunches are available from £13.95 for 2 or 3 courses. Bookings are now being taken. Contact the Restaurant or visit their website for menu options.

Don't forget to look out for Warbreck's amazing Tea with Santa events and inspirational Christmas Creations demonstrations throughout the festive season.

On Thursday 12th November the garden centre will keep its doors open until 8pm for its annual "Taste of Christmas" event. This is a great chance to get into the spirit of Christmas with a mulled wine reception, food tasting, festive demonstrations and some great offers. This event is free and open from 5pm. All welcome.

The garden centre have an exclusive loyalty card scheme which offers its customer's great offers every visit together with regular gardening tips and priority booking for many of its events.

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Dean reckons his 'shop local' online card scheme is the real deal

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A FORMER marketing student at Edge Hill University believes a new web–based 'loyalty card' scheme which he has created with his business partner will encourage Ormskirk residents to shop locally.

Dean Currall from Skelmersdale, came up with the idea for the business, Essential Ormskirk, after launching his own marketing agency in Liverpool three years ago.

Now the 27–year–old has teamed up with Georgina Shashati from Ormskirk to start up the new venture.

For a £10 annual membership fee shoppers can sign up to the website or mobile app and view monthly 'deals' from 32 local businesses.

The offers, which will change every month, will cover a wide a range of products and services provided by local companies including restaurants, entertainment venues, health and beauty salons and shops.

Dean says the website, which can be found at www.essentialormskirk.co.uk, has had more than 1,500 visitors since it was launched three weeks ago, while more than 250 cards have already been bought since they became available last week. An app which can be downloaded is due to go live in November.

Offers and businesses will also be promoted through social media, including Facebook and Twitter.

The scheme is free for businesses to join and Essential Ormskirk does not take a commission.

Dean Currall and Georgina Shashati with one of their Essential Ormskirk cards

Dean said: "I know the area well and I believe this initiative will help to encourage shoppers to shop locally and boost retail trade in Ormskirk.

"The scheme is principally for residents, although obviously we would like students to use it to as well. It's primarily aimed at the people who live here all year and the deals and offers are not for bars and clubs – the residents come first.

"We want it to be as wide–ranging as possible, any businesses are welcome to join and we're keen to get some mechanics and independent businesses on board.

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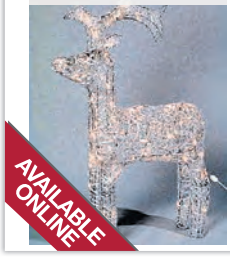
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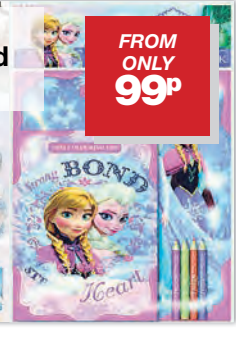
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The West Lancs MP voted against the controversial proposals and although passed by the House of Commons, its progress was halted by the Lords, forcing the Chancellor to consider re–thinking his plans.

Accusing the government of breaking a pre–election promise not to cut tax credits, Ms Cooper said that George Osborne's original proposals would leave working families in the borough – many with children – worse off on average by £1,300 a year and up to £3,000 a year in some cases.

She said: "This is yet another decision by the government that will only serve to penalise the working families in West Lancashire and across the country who are doing their best for their families."

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TV chef hoping to serve up a treat in resort in 2016

CELEBRATED chef and TV personality James Martin has announced his first UK tour and he is coming to Southport theatre next year.

The tour, which is called Plates, Mates And Automobiles (A cooking, talking, speed extravaganza!), can be seen in the resort on Monday, March 7 2016.

It marks 20 years since James first graced our TV screens, winning the hearts of the nation.

His show is aiming to be a fast–paced, interactive and high tech extravaganza. It will be packed with James' signature cooking demonstrations, and it will be full of surprises and not to mention some special guests. The chef is presenting the multi media production across the country.

James Martin said: "I've been cooking live on TV for 20 years now and I felt it was time to do something I've never done before that was truly special.

"I'm so excited to be heading out on my first ever tour, doing what I do best but on the big stage.

"I can't wait to get out there and visit so many great parts of the UK, this show is going to be super cool. I'm pulling out my favourite recipes and mixing in plenty of surprises and special guests in what I hope is going to be feast of a live show. Hope to see you there!"

James Martin begun catering college at 16 and went on to open his first restaurant an the extraordinary age of just 22–years–old.

His television career started in 1996 and he's rarely been off the screen since.

James has become a true household favourite, presenting and taking part in some of the nations most loved programmes. His Saturday morning TV show currently attracts viewers in excess of 3.5 million every week.

James is also the author of 15 best–selling and award winning cookbooks as well as being a car and motorbike enthusiast.

More information at www.atgtickets.com/southport

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James Martin Code NA

Win theatre tickets for Guys and Dolls

MANCHESTER Gets it First will see the highly acclaimed Chichester Festival Theatre sell–out production of Guys and Dolls arrive at the Palace Theatre for two weeks only November 10 – 21 prior to a West End transfer to London's Savoy Theatre in December for a strictly limited 13 week run.

Guys and Dolls opens in Manchester as part of ATG's commitment to Manchester Gets it First, a scheme which aims to launch more shows at the company's Manchester theatres.

The sizzling New York tale of gamblers, gangsters and nightclub singers will leave you walking on air with a glorious evening featuring some of Broadway's greatest show–stopping tunes, including Luck be a Lady, Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat and My Time of Day. Don't leave it to lady luck, book now!

Sophie Thompson and Jamie Parker will reprise their roles as Miss Adelaide and Sky Masterson and will be joined on stage by David Haig as Nathan Detroit and Siubhan Harrison as Sarah Brown.

Guys and Dolls will see Sophie Thompson and David Haig perform together for the first time since their comic pairing as bride and groom, Lydia and Bernard, in the British smash hit film, Four Weddings and a Funeral.

The company of Guys and Dolls. Photo by Johan Persson Code NA

Give it a gamble and enter our competition to win one of three pairs of tickets for lucky readers to see Guys and Dolls on Thursday, November 12. Will luck be on your side? All you need to do is tell us:

What smash hit British film did star cast David Haig and Sophie Thompson star together in? Answers by email to henry.james@champnews.com by 12pm on Friday, November 6.

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International concert pianist returning to village

NIKOLAI Demidenko, the international concert pianist, returns to Parbold on Saturday, November 21 at 7.45 p.m. in the Arena Auditorium at the Village Hall to play the Steinway Concert Grand that he inaugurated in 2013.

A spokesman for Douglas Music Parbold said: "That was an evening remembered for his brilliant and moving virtuoso playing and his final comment to the audience praising their communal strength in supporting live music and his respect for their contribution toward the purchase of a superb piano."

The Steinway concert grand comes from the Barbican Concert Hall, London and, following Nikolai's 2013 visit, has been praised for its beauty of tone and range by many illustrious international pianists.

Since his prize–winning performances in the Montreal and Tchaikovsky International Competitions in the 1970s, Nikolai is famed for his commitment to piano music.

Nikolai Demidenko Code NA

His immediate schedule around his visit to Parbold includes concerts in California, London, Belgrade, Turkey, Spain and Germany. His passionate virtuosity and musicianship has brought worldwide recognition. His authoritative performances of the Russian composers Prokofiev, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky are renowned.

For information call the box office on 01257 498452.

Brit–award winner singing at Atkinson

BRIT–AWARD winning singer Beverley Craven, who became a household name in the early 90's with the release of her debut album which became a worldwide hit, selling more than two million copies, will be at The Atkinson tomorrow (November 5) at 7.30pm.

Her 1991 single, Promise Me, went on to become a huge hit across Europe and she followed this up with a string of chart successes including Memories, Holding On, Woman To Woman and Love Scenes.

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Company mastering their hand jive for next performance

MEMBERS of Maghull Musical Theatre Company have been hard at work mastering their hand jive and burnin' up the quarter mile with their electrifyin' dance moves!

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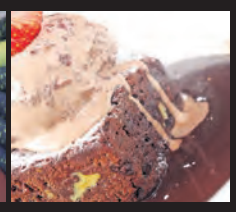

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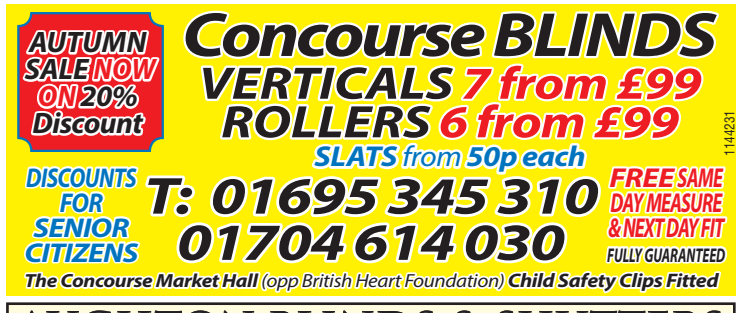
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SUMNER MARJORIE

The family of the late Marjorie Sumner wish to thank all friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad loss, also for the cards and donations received for the Kidney Research UK. A special thanks to Reverend Paul Robinson for a comforting service and all doctors and staff on Ward 14b at Southport Hospital and the District Nurses from Hants Lane Clinic. A special thank you to Carl Howard and all the team at Howard's Funeral Directors for their help and caring, dignified approach.

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DEATHS

STEWART Bill

27th October 2015

Suddenly at home. Aged 86 years, of Ormskirk

Dearly loved Husband of Doreen, dear Brother of Brian, much loved Brother-in-law to Maureen, John and Sylvia, Stuart and Linda (dec'd) and Dennis and all his treasured Nephews and Nieces and their loving families. Cremation at Southport Crematorium on Friday November 6th at 12.40pm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 1.30pm at Emmanuel Methodist United Reformed Church, Derby Street, Ormskirk. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired to Queenscourt Hospice and Emmanuel Refurbishment Fund. Donations & further enquiries please contact Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888.

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DEATHS

RIGBY Betty

(Nee Winstanley)

22nd October 2015, aged 93 years

Wife of the late Jack, loving daughter of the late Dora and John, greatly missed by all family and friends. The funeral took place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 3rd November. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Freshfield Animal Rescue. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086.

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

BERKLEY Peter

6th November

Your second birthday away from me.
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Who would have thought how soon it would end.
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Your broken hearted wife
Marie
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KEN & MAUREEN PIGGOTT

27th October

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DEATHS

HODGES Alf

On 29th October 2015

Peacefully in hospital. Aged 72 Years.

Loving husband of Rita, devoted dad of Lorraine, Ian and Lesley. Dear father in law of Tony, Tina and Eddie, cherished grandad of all his grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 10th November at 11.30am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Macmillan Nurses. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

WALSH Edward

30th October 2015

Peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice Aged 73 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved husband of the late Iris, loving dad of Joanne and devoted grandad of Olivia.

Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale on Friday 6th November 2015 at 10.30am followed by interment at Duke Street Cemetery, Southport. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale. Tel: 01695 722122 / 722012.

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DEATHS

THRELFALL BARBARA JEAN

October 29th 2015

Aged 80 years, peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice

Beloved wife of John, loving mum to Graham and Chris, mother-in-law to Jacqueline, devoted grandma to Ryan, Connor, Luke and Max. Barbara will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 5th November at 3:20pm. Colourful clothing preferred. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

BERKLEY Peter

6th November

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Love Irene & John
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DEATHS

WHITE Annie (nee Barrow)

26th October 2015
Aged 83 years

Beloved mother to Bill and mother-in-law to Joanne, much loved nanna to Holly and Daniel. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. She has joined her parents, brothers and sisters. We will all miss you so much. Funeral service to take place on Friday 6th November 2015 at 11.20am at Southport Crematorium. Donations if so desired to the RSPCA. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel 01695 572997.

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DEATHS

LYNN DAVID JOSEPH ALBERT

25th October 2015
Aged 81 years

Sadly missed by many, especially those who have cared for David so wonderfully at the Glen Rest Home and Ascot Lodge Nursing Home.

Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 9th November at 2.00 pm.

All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

PARKINSON Alan

10th November

5 Years since you've been gone.
Happy birthday Alan.
Your photo stands in pride of place a loving smile lights up your face.
You always seem to be near
how we wish you were still here.

Love from Mum, Dad, brothers and sisters and all the family.
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BIRTHDAYS

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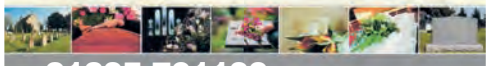

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycles from proceeding over that length of Prescot Road, Ormskirk from a point outside 192 Prescot Road for a distance of 30 meters heading in a northerly direction, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure is as follows: B5197 Prescot Road – Moss Delph Lane – A59 Liverpool Road – Long Lane – B5197 Prescot Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable utility works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours until 1530 hours on Sunday 1st November 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/417/HD]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BIRCH GREEN ROAD, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Birch Green Road, Skelmersdale from its junction with A577 Houghtons Road to its junction with Forest Drive, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

A577 Houghtons Road – Northway – Birch Green Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utility works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Saturday 7th November 2015 until 1700 hours on Sunday 8th November 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/479/HD]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council

Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2014/1160/FUL Erection of 49 No. new residential units comprising 21No. dwellings and 28 No. flats, with private gardens, in-curtilage car parking, a new access road system and dedicated open space amenity for residents at Land Adjacent 3 To 13, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0904/FUL Works to create a replacement football ground including a two storey main stand and club house, a single storey secondary stand, flood lighting, hardstandings and car park, with access from Bobby Langton Way at Burscough AFC, Victoria Park, Mart Lane, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/1047/FUL Change of use of land to form an extension to the university campus and erection of student accommodation comprising 168 No. bed spaces with associated landscaping and external works at Edge Hill University , St Helens Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2015/1087/COU Change of use of part of Unit 5 from B1 Business to D2 Assembly and Leisure for the purpose of a Pilates Studio at 5 Hattersley Court, The Hattersley Centre, Ormskirk.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/1092/COU Change of use to depot for the storage, sale & fitting of motor vehicle tyres, batteries, brakes, shock absorbers, exhaust & other automotive products. Carrying out of oil filter changes, car safety checks, servicing &/or MOT testing centre at 2 Westgate, Skelmersdale.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/1041/FUL Variation of condition no 4 imposed on planning permission 2014/1282/FUL to allow front garage doors to be timber finished, roll over doors at 23 Tan House Lane, Parbold, Wigan.
Application No: 2015/1045/FUL Proposed alterations to existing barn to form two dwellings at Feltons Barn , Elmers Green, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2015/1046/LBC Listed Building Consent - Proposed alterations to existing barn to form two dwellings at Feltons Barn, Elmers Green, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2015/1072/LBC Listed Building Consent - Repair to brick arch forming roof of cellar. Alter window in rear elevation to form doorway at Giants Hall, Culvert Lane, Newburgh, Wigan.
Application No: 2015/1095/COU Change of use (in part to 2014/0489/FUL - Demolition of existing building and erection of a two storey building comprising mixed use retail/office development with associated access and car parking. GRANTED 29.08.2014) to provide 3 No. 2 bed dwelling apartments and 2 No. 1 bed dwelling apartments at first floor at The Courtyard, 94 Church Road, Tarleton.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 4th November 2015
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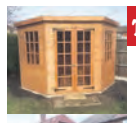

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Birmingham is just the beginning

Life On Cars
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IN A couple of days' time most of my mates will be getting up at the crack of dawn so they can join a traffic jam just outside Birmingham. It's worth it – the national Classic Motor Show is one of those automotive pilgrimages everyone should do at least once.

Even petrolheads I know who think anything south of Crewe is 'a bit far' will happily head down the M6 to see 3000 classic cars – whether it's an Austin Maestro van or an Aston Martin Vanquish that floats your boat, chances are you'll find it in Birmingham's halls of automotive dreams. It's also the place where you can see Mike Brewer and Edd China finish a three–day resto miraculously close to kicking–out time on the final day and where just about every spare part imaginable will be at the bottom of a box on an autojumble stand.

It's great fun – but it's also where most petrolheads' idea of a weekend outing stops.

The NEC show is great despite having to visit Birmingham on a dreary weekend. Auto Retro, on the other hand, is an excuse to persuade the other half to catch some winter sun in Barcelona – and it's only a budget flight away from Liverpool or Manchester. If you're staying overnight Barcelona's hotels cost roughly the same as Birmingham's – and whichever way you cut it, you're more likely to persuade your other half with Gaudi's basilica than the Bullring shopping centre.

It's the same story with Germany. I love the Silverstone Classic, but book your plane tickets now on the cheap and you could just easily go to the Nürburgring in the height of summer for the AVD Oldtimer Grand Prix. Forget the language barrier – it's worth going just to see those BMW M1s and Porsche 911s going to war on the world's scariest race track.

Then there's the Irish National Classic Car Show in Dublin next March – a whole day of motoring fun and an evening of knocking back pints of Guinness, less than an hour from John Lennon airport – or the AutoMotoRetro show in the shadow of the old Fiat factory in Turin. Then there's the behemoth that is the Essen show next April – if you think your feet get a bit tired after a day after tramping around the NEC then you'll have no idea just how enormous Europe's biggest classic car show is. You could spend weeks wandering around in there!

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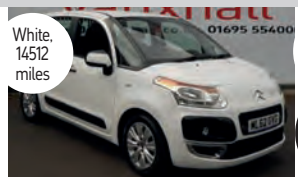

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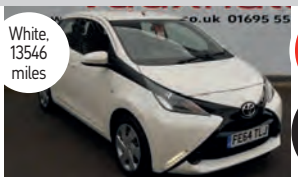

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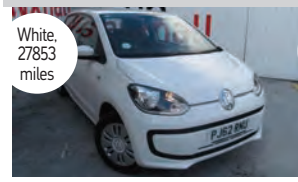

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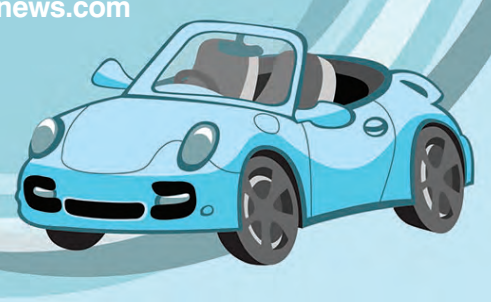

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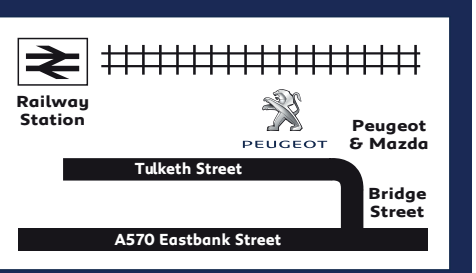

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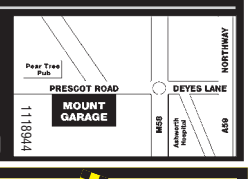

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Richmond triumph in seven–goal derby

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RICHMOND emerged victorious in a seven–goal local derby thriller.

The visitors got off to a flying start with a first–minute goal by striker Dylan Bostique Green, converting an excellent low cross by veteran midfielder Phil Simpson.

And they doubled their lead on 22 minutes when Chris Andrews lashed home a venomous shot.

Hesketh Bank's first shot came in the 35th minute and it was wide but on 40 minutes Richmond goalkeeper Liam Buckley fluffed his goal kick and home striker John Ashcroft gratefully tucked the ball into the back of the net to make it 1–2 at the interval.

The second half started like the first with the visitors pressing and on 52 minutes they restored their two–goal advantage with a well–struck free kick by Chris Andrews.

Once again though Hesketh Bank hit back against the run of play on 75 minutes when John Ashcroft again took advantage of a lack of concentration by the visitors to make it 2–3.

Richmond looked to have wrapped the points up though when Rooney's well–flighted corner found fellow midfielder Andy Kenyon inside the the six–yard box to ram the ball past goalkeeper Pamfil on 82 minutes.

But the home men had the final word though with a third goal by Matt Dawson.

Linnets progress after tricky tie

Burscough 1 Colwyn Bay 0

BURSCOUGH reached the next round of the FA Trophy after overcoming a tricky home tie against their Welsh visitors.

After a scrappy first half in which the two keepers only had one save each to make, Burscough took the lead a minute before half–time when left wing back Matty Devine dribbled into the area before pulling the ball back for Jon Conway to score.

Colwyn Bay improved when they brought Joe Newton and Rob Hopley on in the second half and they had enough chances late on to have forced at least a replay.

Luke Denson missed the target with two excellent opportunities from eight yards, Cory Williams was wayward with a couple of other half chances and Hopley had a header well held by the home keeper.

Burscough, who famously won the competition in 2003 and had former Seagull and new signing Karl Noon playing up front, rarely tested Bay keeper Shaun Pearson in the second half but came away with the victory.

They can now look forward to an away tie against Kettering Town in the second qualifying round.

Following Saturday's first round ties, there were 85 clubs in the draw for the 36 games at the next stage, with replays set to take place over the next week.

Ties will be played on the weekend of Saturday, November 14 with winning clubs at that stage receiving £3,250 from the FA's prize fund.

Meanwhile, Burscough have announced two new signings in Karl Noon and Matty Coughlan.

Noon joins the Linnets from league rivals Warrington Town, but it was with Vauxhall Motors and Marine AFC that he really made his name.

He re–joined Marine from neighbours Vauxhall Motors a year or so ago and was also in his second spell with Motors, having re–signed for them in February 2013 from Warrington.

A former Liverpool Academy, Chester City, Bangor City (for whom he appeared in the UEFA Cup) and Tranmere Rovers player, Noon left Vauxhall to join Colwyn Bay in 2010 and has also had spells at Prescot Cables, Bamber Bridge and Southport.

Burscough have also signed Matty Coughlan from NPL Premier Division side Salford City, a young central midfielder who has stepped up from the youth team following his move from Bolton Wanderers in January 2015.

Abandoned replay leaves fixtures up in the air

By **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United are definitely at home on Saturday to Ilkeston – however, they could also be at home the following Saturday and probably will be at home on Tuesday, November 1O!

Confusing? Let me explain.

United's FA Trophy replay at Hyde United on Monday was abandoned after just 21 minutes because of the Tameside fog, so that game is set to take place tonight (Wednesday).

If Skem are successful in that then on Saturday, November 14 they will meet the winner of last night's Lincoln United v Stafford Rangers FA Trophy replay at Stormy Corner.

But should they lose at Hyde tonight, it's not yet known whether they will have a re–arranged league game on November 14, but we'll let you know in next week's Champion.

It's highly likely that Skem will entertain Northwich Victoria next Tuesday night (kick–off 7.45pm) in the Doodson Sports Cup, the game depending on whether the FA Trophy tie at Hyde takes place tonight – and according to the weatherman it should.

However, if it doesn't get played a third attempt to play the match will take place next Monday night and the Northwich match will doubtless have to be played on another date.

Skem manager Tommy Lawson has had a busy time, not only with the FA Trophy games against Hyde but in signing a couple of new forwards, who due to paperwork technicalities cannot be formally unveiled yet.

One deal that has gone through this week is the extension of Jack Phillips' loan from Accrington Stanley for another month. The former Prescot Cables player has proved a popular addition to the Skem squad over the last month or so.

One thing that will definitely take place at Stormy Corner is a fireworks display on Bonfire Night, Thursday, November 5.

Along with the huge pyrotechnic display there will be free fairground rides, a plethora of stalls, burgers bars and the usual club bar on the night.

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Rendell rocket earns second bite

Skemersdale United 3
Hyde United 3

A ROCKET shot by Tony Rendell two minutes into added time gave Skelmersdale United a deserved second bite of the cherry in the FA Trophy against the Evo–Stik Premier Division's form side who went into the game having won five consecutive matches.

The game really took off from the quarter–hour mark when Hyde goalkeeper Ed Wilczynski saved from Kenny Strickland.

Around a minute later Skem went into the lead when Ged Kinsella played a diagonal ball in from the right to set up Tom Ince who beat the visitors' offside trap before netting.

Hyde reacted by taking the game to Skem, although the home side seemed to be weathering the pressure well until the 29th minute when Sam Fitton who unleashed a shot from 18 yards that thumped into the net.

They went close again just before the break as Grant Spencer fired wide, but it was honours even as the teams left the field.

Tony Rendell

Both threatened quickly after the re–start and on 50 minutes Kinsella and Ince combined and the former restored the Skem advantage.

Just a minute later Louis Corrigan put in a snapshot that Wilczynski did well to cling onto as Skem sought a third goal.

But instead of holding a 3–1 lead they found themselves all level again on 54 minutes, midfielder Fitton putting a deflected shot into the Skem net for his second of the afternoon.

Referee Kelvin Sarsfield almost chalked himself up an assist in the match statistics on the hour as he got in the way of a Corrigan clearance, the ball bouncing to Jordan Snodin but his effort went for a corner from which Andy Pearson charged in to head Hyde into a 3–2 lead.

Certain incidents in a game can be described as game changers and in the 69th minute Skem left–back Corrigan certainly pulled one of those off – Ayrton Bevins getting behind the home defence before dispatching a goalbound shot that Corrigan miraculously managed to get over his own crossbar to safety.

Just when it started to look all over for Skem they won a free–kick that was lifted into the penalty area and Hyde only partially headed clear. Rendell spied his chance and met the ball with a volley off the full meat of his boot to send it roaring into the bottom corner of the net.

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